



## PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION NO. 1**

In response to the Office Action of April 6, 1998, the period for response having been extended two months to September 8, 1998 (September 6 being a Sunday and September 7 being a holiday) by the attached Petition and fee, please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks:

## REMARKS

Independent claim 1 patentably distinguishes over Lindsay (4,993,551) because Lindsay fails to disclose or suggest a utility apron in a combination of elements which comprise a shell having lip portion for contacting the lip of the support device and an exterior surface for disposition at the exterior of the support